

## Grounds For Suspension / Revoking a Permit

1. Employees working who have a contagious disease.
2. Employees working without a valid health certificate.
3. Unapproved or inadequate water supply / plumbing.
4. Denying access to inspections.
5. Receiving a demerit score of more than 40 points.
6. Repeating a violation assigned 2, 4, or 6 demerit points.



## Grading



Grade A: 0-10 demerits

Grade B: 11-20 demerits

Grade C: 21-40 demerits

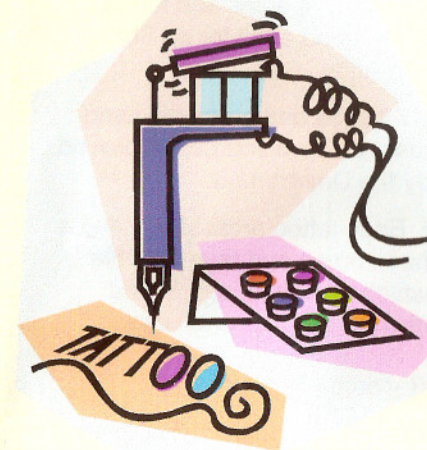
Grade D: More than 40 demerits; this results in a CLOSURE

If a second consecutive violation of the same item (repeat violation) is discovered, the establishment can be downgraded to the next lower grade.

A copy of our rules and regulations can be found on our website at [www.dphss.guam.gov](http://www.dphss.guam.gov)



## *Tattoo Shops*



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## Instruments / Equipment

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## Records

### Instruments / Equipment

- Minimum of 12 sets of sterilized needles and tubes for each tattoo artist for an 8hr operation.
- All dyes and pigments used must be from sources approved by the Department.
- Each tattoo artist shall have a hand brush and fingernail file which must be cleaned and disinfected after each use.

### Records

Records for each customer must be kept and include the following:

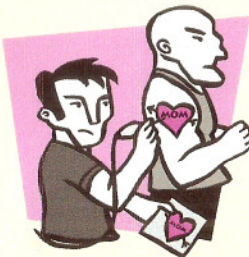
1. Date when tattoo was applied.
2. Name, age, and address of customer.
3. If customer is in the armed forces, provide: branch of service, rate/rank, and serial number.
4. Design and location of tattoo.
5. Name of tattoo artist.
6. Customer's signature.



## Aseptic Technique



1. Wash hands and fingernails thoroughly with warm water and soap.
2. Prepare area on customer's skin to be tattooed by washing it with warm water and an approved cleanser, shaving the area, and then cleaning the shaved area with warm water and an approved cleanser.
3. Apply 70% rubbing alcohol onto area using a sterile cotton/gauze.
4. ONLY apply petroleum jelly to the area using a sterile gauze and NOT directly with fingers.
5. Clean stencils used for transferring the design and dry with sterile gauze before applying onto skin.
6. After tattooing, discard the remaining unused dye or pigments in the single-service or individual containers.
7. Remove any excess dye or pigment applied to the skin with a sterile cloth or paper.
8. Wash the completed tattoo with a piece of sterile cloth or paper saturated with an approved germicidal solution. Apply antibiotic ointments and cover the entire area with sterile dressing.
9. Advise the customer on the care of the tattoo and to consult a physician at the first sign of infection.



## Sanitization

- All multi-use instruments must be wrapped and autoclaved: 15 lbs. pressure / sq. inch; 15 minutes; at 240 °F; or
- Immersed in an approved germicidal solution for an approved period of time.
- Needles are considered disposable and must be destroyed after each use. Use ONLY once and one for each customer.
- Each tattoo shop must have an approved closed cabinet to store exclusively instruments, dyes, pigments, carbon, stencils, and other paraphernalia.

